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MED. SOCIETY HOLD MEETING; GOOD ADDRESS

Dr. Matin, the Canadian Osler, Gives Interesting Talk.

SUGGESTION TREATMENT.

Christian Scientists and Osteopaths Sometimes More Successful Than Regular Doctors.

Those of you who have followed the medical history of war will have found nothing more interesting than the work of our own Canadians along lines somewhat like Christian Science, by which men suffering from shell shock, and who have lain for months, perhaps, in France, either deaf, dumb or paralyzed, when brought to England, where their condition was properly recognized, were cured, sometimes, in five minutes, and without drugs or operation. These sciences are not obsolete, for any live science or anything scientific cannot be dead. The science goes back for many years, even to before Christ, when many diseases were cured by consulting gods and oracles, the deaf were made to hear, the blind to see, the paralyzed to walk. In the Egyptian mummies we have many signs of early medical science. Minor operations were practised, splints were used. Most of the cures were effected by the influence of mind on the body. Plato said that it was a pity the surgeon did not pay more attention to the soul when treating the body. Paracelsus, one of the lights of the 16th century, was a scientific man. He even did transfusions, which are considered very modern to-day.

Messner Astrologist used magnetism. The power came from stars. Gassner, the first osteopath, showed that disease could be cured in many cases by passive movement and massage. He went to Paris and claimed to be the magnet himself; he acquired a large practice and fortune. In fact, his practice was so large that he had to treat his patients wholesale. This he did by having a bath and spoke radiating from it, each patient taking a spoke and then the power (Messner) took a spoke, and the cure was effected by animal magnetism. One of Messner's pupils introduced hypnotism. He put the patients to sleep, and then they were open to suggestion. These suggestions would act when the patient woke up, and he would do what he was told. These cures were not lasting. Hypnotism is of two types—Hetero and Auto suggestion. The one (Hetero) suggested by others; the Auto Hypnotism is worked up in one's self. These things are often seen to-day on the stage. Amputations were done by Hetero hypnotism or Suggestion, without pain. Then anaesthesia came in, and the hypnotism was tabooed. Hetero Suggestion is still used, as in treatment of certain diseases by static electricity, or giving prescriptions to neurotics.

Christian Science is very important. It cures disease by stimulating the mortal mind by fantastical suggestions. They claim that there is no disease or sin, they see with a divine spiritual mind, instead of the mortal mind. They refuse to believe that sickness exists, and as soon as a person accepts this view they have a cure. Christian Scientists disregard scientific medicine. Yet they admitted that perhaps it was well to classify infectious diseases, because the mortal mind was not educated enough to accept the view. Mrs. Eddy, the great exponent of Christian Science, could not cure her first husband of cancer, or her second of endocarditis. Yet she says disease is absurd. Now the question may be asked, is Christian Science to be ruled out? Certainly not! Thousands of people have been cured by Christian Science by suggestion. It does what the doctors fail to do, perhaps, because they have not the time or are impatient. Yet the Christian Scientist, by taking time to give the patient a quiet talk, gives him suggestion, gets him to tell his troubles, and, as it were, get it off his chest. Many doctors lose out to the Christian Scientist by lack of sympathetic interest in the cases which come to them.

The Immanuel movement was an outcome of Christian Science, founded by a minister and some doctors; they classified disease as organic and functional. The doctors looked after the organic cases, the minister after the functional. But why should we call the minister to do our work? The average minister outside the pulpit and in the sick room, especially, is a poor affair. The average country doctor is the friend of the family; he has the goods to deliver, and is both doctor and minister. He may not have the ministerial words, but he gets there just the same. Osteopathy is not entirely suggestive. It is not a medical education, seeing that the chief inducement to be an osteopath is that more money can be made at it. Their treatment consists of massage, suggestion and personality of the osteopath.

Osteopaths are intellectually dishonest. They cheat themselves into believing things by constantly thinking them. The doctor gets beaten out by the osteopath by not appreciating the benefit of massage. One of the chief points is that the public likes to be humbugged, and if you tell them to go to a masseur, they

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TRAINING AT KINGSTON.



LIEUT. B. STUART BOYD.

Lieut. Boyd, a popular member of the class of Science '17, is now training at Kingston for a commission in the Canadian overseas artillery.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS
HEARS GOOD ADDRESS

Mr. C. A. Rochdieu Reads Brilliant Essay in French Verse.

The members of the Cercle Francais were afforded a great treat last evening, when Mr. C. A. Rochdieu gave an interesting and comprehensive address on the subject, "La Morale de Lafontaine d'Apres ses Fables." The meeting, which took the form of a supper in the Union grill room, was the second to be held by the French club this session.

Before giving his views on the Fables themselves, Mr. Rochdieu outlined the life of Lafontaine, making special reference to those unusual qualities of his character which influenced his poetry. One point emphasized was that keen observation of nature which provided material for most of his works.

Judged from the standpoint of reason, said Mr. Rochdieu, there was little to command respect in the character of Lafontaine. But if one judged him, making due allowance for those childlike qualities which were his throughout life, it would be found that there was much worthy of commendation.

Having summed up the main points in the life of Lafontaine, the speaker proceeded to read his essay, which was in the form of French verse. His audience was introduced to the real Lafontaine as revealed in the Fables, much that was new and instructive being brought to light. Prof. Villard, honorary president of the Cercle, then made a few remarks, in which he expressed himself as delighted with the high literary and critical value of Mr. Rochdieu's discourse. He stated that the speaker had voiced his own view of Lafontaine. Prof. Villard concluded with a recitation of several of the Fables in a vein which his audience found highly amusing.

Capt. "Art." Mathewson, an old student at McGill, and at one time president of the Students' Council, was a guest for part of the evening. He related several stories from his own experience of life at the front, one dealing with the capture of a number of Germans being especially entertaining. About thirty in all were present at the meeting. It was decided to have one more gathering before the Christmas holidays, Mr. Terroux, the president, consenting, on request, to speak on that occasion.

UNION DINING HALL WILL STAY OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

The following statement was issued yesterday:
"By special arrangement with the Caterer, the Union dining room will remain open until the Christmas vacation. Unless members of the Union extend a more hearty support to the Dining Room in the future, the House Committee can give no assurance that the dining room will be open following the Christmas vacation."
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CORNELL ALUMNI FUND.

The alumni of Cornell University have started a campaign to raise a yearly amount of \$100,000 for the general support of the university. Over 800 men have pledged themselves to work ten hours during the week beginning December 4th to getting pledges for annual contributions.

FRESHMEN STOLE CAR.

ITHACA, N. Y. — Accused of stealing an automobile, Walter E. Lovensborg, of New York City, a sophomore, and John N. Strauss, of Summit, N.J., a freshman in Cornell University, were held for the Grand Jury by City Judge Crowley. Ball was fixed at \$750 for each, and they were remanded to jail, while friends sought to raise the amount. The young men, driving the automobile of S. T. Chapin, a fellow student, were arrested in Cortland on Saturday night.

PROSPECTS IN HOCKEY NEVER EQUALLED PRESENT

Exceptional Talent are Turning Out at the Practices.

ALL POSITIONS CONTESTED.

Hockey at McGill is Booming, as Large Number of Candidates Develop Into Good Team.

The hockey squad worked out for the second time this year on ice, yesterday, at the Arena. As the practices go on, there seems to be less and less doubt of the fact that McGill will be well represented in the City League this year. An enormous amount of "pep" was shown by everyone, considering that some of them have not yet got used to it. The practice took the form of a game in which the various candidates were used at different positions, and several combinations were tried. There were 26 men out, and no lack of interest by any of them was evidenced. Perhaps the most successful combination worked as to scoring and general team work was a team composed of McTague, at goal; McGee and Fraser at defence; McCulloch and Behan as forwards, and Slater at centre. This combination succeeded in putting three counts through "Ski" Scott in short order, after they had once become used to each other. Of course, the presence of Slater and McGee in the same line-up was undoubtedly a great factor in their success, as these two have done a good deal of work together on the Vics.

McTague, in the nets, comes to McGill with a good record. He played with the Port Arthur team which played against the Monarchs for the Allan Cup last year, and is reputed as being an exceptionally fine goal tender. His work yesterday was of the highest order. "Ski" Scott, last year's man at that position, played well, but was rather unfortunate when scores were made from mix-ups.

Three men stood out prominently at centre. Slater has been playing an unusually good game. He is fast, and can be counted upon to mix things when necessary. Several rushes from one end to the other featured his play, his speed, coupled with his stick-handling, making him the ice. Rooney, while not up to his one of the most prominent men on usual standard, pulled some very fine plays, his most valuable asset being his ability to check himself abruptly when occasion demands. Kelly, trying out for the same position, is a great stick-handler, but rather unsteady on his feet. His will undoubtedly be able to overcome this slight fault after a few practices. With Rooney, Slater and Kelly all good in this department, no difficulty should be experienced in filling the centre position.

The defence candidates are all good. The surprise of the season, so far, has been the great work of Fraser at defence. Fraser came to McGill last year with a wonderful reputation as a forward on the Dalhousie team. His work last year on the McGill hardly justified his fine reputation. Since he has been shifted to defence, his work has taken on an entirely different aspect, and he is now proving to be one of the most promising of the back field players. McGee, formerly of the Vics., is a splendid stick-handler, and his ability to carry the puck back after breaking up rushes was particularly noticeable. Several of his rushes partook of the one man variety, but the fact that he got away with them shows his individual worth.

Whitcomb, of last year's defence, did not show up very prominently last night. He appeared to be too slow in getting away with the puck, but several times showed rare good work in spite of this. "Don" Beach was one of the fastest men on the ice, and also broke up some promising rushes. He is not very strong on his stick-handling, but a more than average player at that. In forward, two men stood out above all the others. McCulloch handled the stick with his old-time cunning. His wicked and accurate drives have not lost anything in steam over the summer, and promise to worry some of the City League's goalkeepers again this season. Behan played a great game, though there was no particular point in which he excelled more than another. Jacques, as usual, roamed all over the ice, apparently with no particular purpose in view, and was frequently missed from his position when it was desirable that he should be there. Jacques is a fair stick-handler, but has a serious fault to overcome if he wishes to compete with Behan and McCulloch.

R. V. C. vs. MACDONALD.
To-day at two o'clock, sharp, in the High School gymnasium the R. V. C. will play against Macdonald in a challenge basketball match. This is the only outside match to be played this year, and bids fair to be one of great excitement. It is hoped that a very large number of the girls will turn out to see the game, and to support the college.

The teams are as follows:
First team: Forwards, E. Abbott, R. Goodwin; Guards, D. Hicks, W. Wyatt; Centre, M. Spier; Wings, G. Craig and Q. Savard.
Second team: Forwards, J. Klein, J. McCulloch; Guards, F. Grindley, R. Rogers; Centre, H. Graham; Wings, K. Milligan, J. Salomon.

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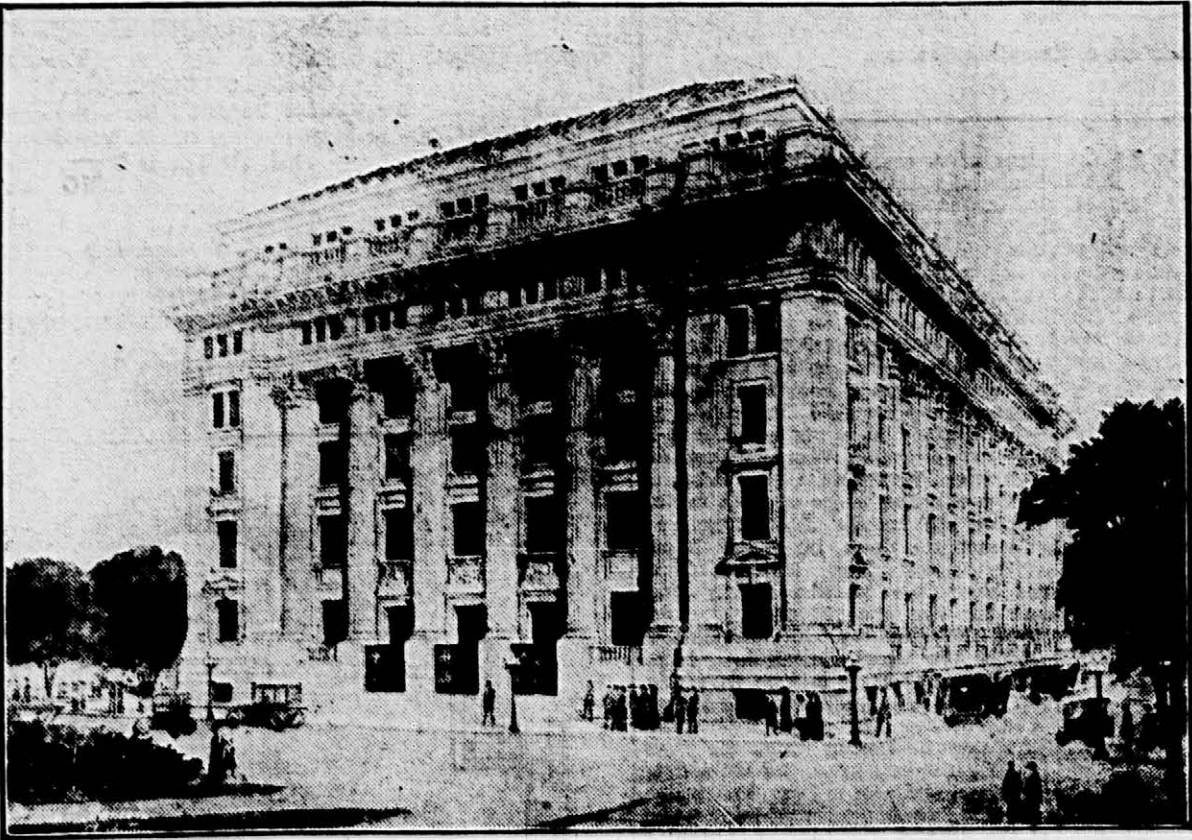
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Through the courtesy of Sir John Kennedy, the club have received passes to the works of the Harbour Commissioners. The elevators are second to none on the continent, and are situated along a harbour on which no pains have been spared to make it the best of its kind anywhere. The elevators will be of interest to the club not only from a transportation viewpoint, but from electrical and mechanical ones as well.

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QUIPS

—By A. S. N.

UNCLE SALT BASIN—THE FUNNY MAN.

The funny man—Ah, what a tale—I almost find my pen to fall when I begin his story; he starts out well, with quip and pun, and thinks his job a lot of fun, and shoots off chestnuts hoary; oh, yes, he has a lovely time while writing antiquated rhyme, and life to him seems sweet; and thus his merry way he wends, till when he meets his lady friends, they cut him on the street. And he begins to see 'ere long that he has put himself in wrong with every queen he knows; 'tis then that the repentance feels, and you can hear his frenzied squeals on every breeze that blows. At conversats he sits alone, just hearken to that mournful moan, it seems that he will choke; and so at last he meets his fate, and finds out when it is too late, that girls can't take a joke!!

EVER NOTICE

That a swelled head's as well dead?
Answer.
Dear Lonely:
It looks as though he remembered you.
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"G. Sum Queene."
Yes, the 29th of February, 1874, was a Monday; we are always glad to give any information about birthdays. If the young man has a three-foot halo of Florida Water round him when he calls, tell him to try cloves or go on the water wagon.
"IVA PAYNE."

WHO
Was the Arts junior who sat down at that fourth table in the library on Thursday afternoon?
WHO
Is the second year R. V. C. student who does a pen-swallowing act in English lecture every day?
WHO
Was the Arts Freshman who was seen on Sunday trying to imitate one of the pros, with respect to neckwear, and carrying a willow wand?

WHO
Was the third year Med. who made his debut as an orator on the subject, "The Immortality of the Soul"? Where did he make it?
WHO
Was the Donalds who collapsed so skilfully in the hall of the Arts building on Thursday morning at nine o'clock?
How many hands were needed to pick her up?
WHO
Is the first year Med. who has gained twenty lbs. in weight on Union meals?
They were some meals.
WHO
Is the queen who amuses herself with tea by writing on the

WHO
Is the boy who has the box, and why does he keep it?
WHO
Was the member of Second Year Arts who was reprimanded by the English lecturer for his activities in the lecture on Thursday?
WHO
Was he talking to?
WHO
Was the Soph. who was told by a lady friend at five o'clock on Thursday that she admired his sarcasm? (Special by wireless.)
WHO
Were the eight faint-hearted Sophs, who tried to escape English lecture on Friday?
Why did they return?

WHO
Was the R. V. C. student who dropped her books on Friday morning in the Arts building, knowing that two Commerce students were near enough to pick them up?
What did she say when they did?

WHO
Is the second year Med. for whom condolences are in order?
Why didn't she tell him she was engaged?

LEADING BLIGHTS OF LITERATURE—(5), Percy Fysshie Shelley. Fysshie Shelley was perhaps the greatest of our marine poets. At the early age of nine months, he wrote "Al. Oyster," or "The Life of a Mollusc"; he soon followed this with that stirring battlesong, "The Gathering of the Clams." His reputation made, he settled down as a poet, taking on work in a quick-lunch counter as a side-line. On the death of his friend and fellow-bard, John Skates, he wrote the touching elegy, "Mad on Ice," containing a reference to the latter's favorite pastime.

Fysshie Shelley was a wild, untamed soul, and his longer poems all breathe his noblest spirit, as shown in "Greek Crab," and "The Revolt of This Clam." His end was characteristic; on a hot day he sent a servant with his last penny to get a jug of beer; as the man handed the jug to him, he slipped, and the beer was spilt. Shelley breathed the word "Epipsychidion," and died of a broken heart.

The following delicate piece of poetry has reached us from an anonymous source; we print it without comment other than to remark that the author (ess) seems to know a great deal about the mechanism of "fussing."

ET IN ARCADIA EGO—OR THE REDPATH MARRIAGE BUREAU. Fusing in the Library—Shades of James McGill! Wouldn't Redpath rip and tear At the sticky pill!

Goody sighs from shady nooks, As of souls oppressed, Glances over edge of books—But you know the rest.

Goodness knows how many pairs, In holy Mat. united, Were except for parson's prayers, In the Library plighted.

Bless you children, fuss away, Only keep it dark, Pattern from the servant maids, Sitting in the park.

Old Redpath handed it his name, But called it wrong, we're sure—Oh, Give three cheers for the lasting fame Of the Matrimonial Bureau!

Query—Should the mezzanine floor of the Library be called the Bridge of Sighs?

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TO-DAY'S PERPETRATION.
Quess.—Why did the summer pass so quickly?
Ans.—Because there was so often an evening mist.

POET SCORNER.
Edited by Pyrotechnic Pete. This is an example of Rhyme, Rhythm and Meter. We need say no more.

(Ah) You kissed me, ('twas all a mistake, I admit, For the lamps in the library hadn't been lit, And you took me for somebody else, It appeared.

But you kissed me, and my hair (ah) tickled your ears. It is true that you just reached the tip of my nose, 'Twas my feather (ah) poked in your eye, I suppose, And my hat-pin (ah) stuck in your chin (ah), I fear, But you kissed me, and that is enough for me, dear.

OUR HOME CHAT COLUMN.
We have just received this charming little epistle, and have done our best to satisfy the writer, who is plainly of tender years.

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"Yours, "Freshette."

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The Disappearing Fifty Cents

—an adventure of Shomlock Holmes.

The fog outside was quite dense, stretching its enfolded and sinuous hands against the window of the study in Fakir Street, where I was cheerfully loitering before the crackling fire. I must have dozed a little, for on looking up I saw Shomlock slunk down in a chair on the other side of the fireplace looking somewhat dejected.

"What is the matter?" I asked; "have you cleared up that R. V. C. case yet?"

"About those Freshette's letters?" he replied.

"Yes," I answered, "you were engaged to discover the author of them, weren't you?"

"Oh! Yes, a comparatively simple little case in its own way. It was quite evident that the author was a very clever young lady. With this clue to start on it was a simple matter to discover her."

"Who is she?" I questioned.

"Ah! Whatsane, that is a secret which I fear I shall not be able to share with even you."

"Well, what is it that is worrying you now?" I demanded.

"More mystery at the McGill Union. Those people up there need a private detective force to look after the place. You remember the little service which I was able to do for them in the matter of the vanishing soup plates? And then no sooner was I done than the mystery of the peculiar pool player presented itself. Now the situation has become more serious and I have been called in to solve the mystery of the disappearing fifty cent piece."

"Let me have the facts of the case," I asked.

"Well, to tell you the truth," Shomlock replied, "I was intending to go up to have a look over the place myself, so, if you wish, come with me and we will get the information first hand, and on the way I will acquaint you with whatever facts I know of the situation."

"You know that they have a cigar stand in the main lobby of the Union where they also dispense candy and cigarettes. There are also a couple of Porters, one of them a Mr. Culler, 'Wild Bill' they call him, I think, and the other who is most familiarly known as 'Bob.' It seems from what I can gather that Wild Bill was standing beside the cash register with a fifty cent piece in his hand talking to some fellow who was buying a package of cigarettes. The fifty cent piece disappeared! That's all that there is to it as far as I can see."

"But what do you mean? That as he was holding it in his hand it vanished?"

"The taxi had stopped before the door of the Union and without answering my question the great investigator, leaving the vehicle, walked slowly up the steps and entered the portals of the great Student Club. Advancing to the desk he said, 'I should like to hold converse with H. R. M. Organ, the president of the Union.' Mr. Organ being called out of the dining room, advanced and greeted my friend warmly as he remembered well the great services which he had rendered the student body."

"Mr. Shomlock," he said, "it is a matter of great pleasure to me that you have seen your way clear to assist us in this matter. The case, as you doubtless know, is puzzling, to my mind at least, although I feel sure that it will not bother you to any great extent."

"Exactly," answered Shomlock, "let me have the facts as clearly as possible."

"Here is Mr. Culler, who is the central figure in the affair, and he will be able to give you first hand information on the whole incident."

The gentleman indicated was an unassuming individual who has a mustache like that which adorns the upper lip of the Kaiser. He was engaged in the evening occupation of learning to play "Tome Sweet Tome" on the cash register. At a word from the president he turned, however, and remembering Shomlock, shook hands with him. On being requested to give a full account of the affair, he said, "You see, gentlemen it was like this. I was standing here, in this very spot, and I had a fifty cent piece in my hand. I felt it leaving my hand and I naturally thought that it had slipped out of my fingers, and that it would fall on the floor. However, it never touched the floor. I heard no ring of the coin on the tiles. Old Bob here and I moved every blessed thing in the place, but we couldn't find it, and it's gone, that's what it is. Mr. Organ here acted very kind in the matter, saying that

it was an accident, and that the Union would stand the expense. But I am not satisfied, and told him so. And—"

"Yes," interrupted the president of the Union, "I was of the opinion that it was nothing more or less than the coin falling into some corner, but Bill wasn't satisfied, and insisted on having the matter investigated, so that there might be no imputation cast on his character. We are, of course, willing to stand any expense connected with the matter. I might add that the determination to engage you was only arrived at after a most thorough search of this little office, with the result that no trace of the money could be found."

"Um!" said Shomlock, "I may be wrong, but the case seems very simple. I should, however, like you to illustrate to me the exact circumstances under which this phenomenon occurred."

Mr. Cullen punched the "no sale" lever of the cash register, and out came a fifty cent piece from the drawer. This he placed in his right hand and turned so that he was stationed with his right side towards Shomlock and myself, who were standing about three feet away, and just outside the little gate leading to the porter's stand. "Now it was like this," he said. "I was talking to a gentleman who was standing where you are, and I felt the coin slipping through my fingers. I naturally expected that it was falling to the floor, but it never did. I don't know where it went. See," illustrating his action, "it just dropped from my hand like this, and instead of touching the floor it—"

He never finished the remark, for the fifty cent piece had disappeared. I saw it distinctly saw it leave his hands, and drop towards the floor—in fact, and drop towards the floor—in fact, I followed its line of flight until it was about three or four inches from the floor when it—vanished."

I don't think that any of us moved for almost a minute. I was utterly dumbfounded and I could see that the deep lines of worry had made their appearance on Shomlock's forehead. Suddenly he made a spring over the little gate and grabbed Culler, pinning his arms to his sides.

"Quick, Whatsane," he said, "search him." I ran through his pockets, turning out a miscellaneous collection of things, but no fifty cents. "Up his sleeve," whispered Shomlock. No results followed this move. The coin was gone. When Culler was released he swung around and planted an upper-cut on Shomlock's jaw. First aid was rendered, and in two hours the great investigator opened his eyes. His first words were—"Ah! Whatsane, some people can't take a joke."

As well as we possibly could we calmed Wild Bill, and when Shomlock was able to get around he whipped out his tape measure and took the dimensions of the cash register, and finally requested that an axe be brought. With this implement he broke up considerably the cigar stand. The register lay in pieces, while cigars and cigarettes were scattered all over the floor. "Funny," he murmured to himself, "it isn't there."

He and I wandered our way back to our rooms, both as silent as the proverbial oyster.

"Peculiar case," I vouchsafed to Shomlock, when we entered the study, but as he didn't hear me, the great investigator turned on his heel and walked into his laboratory, slamming the door behind him. I sat musing over the affair before the fire. It really was a most peculiar case. It was no sleight of hand trick, for I distinctly saw the coin drop, practically speaking, to the floor. It couldn't have been attached to an elastic. It was, I thought, purely psychological phenomenon. I saw Shomlock a week or so later, and his case was a puzzling one. I, in my usual blundering way, sought to of cheeks were drawn and haggard. The fer a suggestion and said, "Perhaps Culler in some way hypnotized us, and made us believe that we saw something which we didn't see."

Shomlock came over to my chair, and placing his hands on my shoulders, said in that fatherly way of his, "Whatsane, no matter what you say, I still believe that you have a certain amount of brains, and weeping copiously, he re-entered the laboratory. I am not a sentimentalist, but I cannot help but admit that I, too, wept at this show of devotion."

Next morning, at breakfast, I could see that Shomlock was feeling much better. He joked with me and insisted on my accepting a couple of tickets for the "LAVETTY" theatre, adding that I was to come around to the McGill Union afterwards, and I would probably see the denouement to the Fifty Cent mystery. About five o'clock I walked up the steps of the Union with a fastly beating heart. What was going to happen, I wondered.

In the main lobby were grouped Mr. Organ, Culler, Bob, a representative of the McGill Daily, Frank Upton, common, president of the Prudent Council, Howard Wellville, and last, but not least, all Shomlock. In his usual unobtrusive manner he was explaining the situation, and when I entered, had just requested Culler to repeat the performance with the Fifty Cent piece, but this time out in the middle of the lobby. The whole rignarole was gone through, the coin was dropped from Culler's hand, and—

it hit the floor with a sharp ring. It didn't disappear. Shomlock was fooled. I said to myself. However, he did not seem very downcast over the affair. With a quick motion he grabbed Culler by the heels and with one hand turned him on his head. Then he calmly proceeded to knock his head against the floor. "You're going to crack the tiles," said Bob, "you'd best be careful."

Shomlock smiled in that superior sort of a way of his. Various articles dropped from Culler's pockets, a watch, a bachelors button, a couple of tooth picks, some loose change, and TWO FIFTY CENT PIECES. These were subsequently identified as the two coins which had disappeared.

"Gentlemen," said Shomlock, "I wish to assure you that Mr. Culler is not guilty of an attempt to steal this money. If that were the case he would not carry them around with him for two weeks." Cullen, during this time had been lying unconscious on the floor. He now showed some

signs of returning to his senses so Shomlock, rubbing his chin reflectively, tugged me by the arm, and we both left the building. The explanation which he later sent the Union officials he gave me when we got back to our diggings. It was as follows:

"I take this quarter in my hand," said Shomlock, "and I hold it about the height of my waist—I drop it and it—vanishes!" As a matter of fact it had disappeared. "Very simple explanation, Whatsane, very simple! The twenty-five cents reposes in the cuff on the bottom of my trousers," and stooping down, he picked it out of its resting place. He laughed at the amazement written on my face, and throwing the quarter to me, entered the room we call our library, closing the door after him. I remained in my chair in a brown study, but I was suddenly startled by a sound of breaking glass, proceeding from the direction in which the great investigator had gone. I walked to the door, and saw a furry ball which had evidently come through the panel of the door of the library, untangle itself and become our landlady's cat. The feline made a dash for the door leading down stairs, without taking time to look around. I glanced in through the broken panel, and saw Shomlock taking down his accordion from the wall. As quickly as possible I followed in the wake of the cat.

WELLESLEY HEARS INDIAN POET.

WELLESLEY, Mass.—Sir Rabin-dra Nath Tagore, poet, philosopher and educator of India, delivered the first lecture in the all-college lecture course of the year at Wellesley College last week. The lecturer was garbed in the clothing of India, and in the course of the evening he told of circumstances in his country while he was writing many of his poems and other productions. He described the hills of India, and told of the effect they had upon his thought and the works of his pen. The lecturer spoke in Billings Hall.

He was introduced to the students, about 400 of whom were present, by Miss Ellen F. Pendleton, president of the college. He spoke something about his impressions of the United States, and the people of the United States, saying that the amassing of wealth seemed to him to be the prevalent purpose of the citizens. He said the development of the intellectual traits was something to be sought after in this country. People here, he said, should strive for higher ideals than those sought now by the majority.

POTASH IN CANADA.

LONDON, Ont. — As a result of the war, no less than two new ways of producing potash from natural resources of Canada have been found, while a third has been turned to good use in the Dominion. When war first broke out, Canada had no munition factories. To-day she has some 422. Potash is a very necessary ingredient in the making of munitions, and, quickly following the building of the first of these factories in Canada, the supply of wood ashes which had formerly gone to the United States, was directed to a factory at St. Catharines, Ont., where the percentage of potash existing in ashes was extracted.

Shortly following this the Department of Marine and Fisheries of the Dominion, which had been experimenting on the matter for some time, announced that from each ton of wet kelp (a form of sea weed), no less than 63 pounds of potash could be obtained. Of this weed kelp there are inestimable millions of tons in deep groves in the seas belonging to Canada, particularly on the Pacific Coast. As potash since the beginning of the war has gone from \$39 to \$500 the ton, the finding places Canada in a position independent of Germany, who, till lately, has been conceded to control the world's supply.

But the value of kelp, according to investigators, does not stop there, in fact, it is a most remarkably diversified weed. For many years it has been used as fertilizer in California; but the Canadian investigators discovered an entirely new and valuable product in it, that of iodine. In addition, it contains gum algin. After the potash, gum algin and iodine has been extracted there still remains a residue of matter insoluble, noninflammable matter that can be used as linoleum, building material may be made from it, and silk and other cloth material may be water-proofed by it. In addition again to all these things, residents of the Pacific Coast make jelly, preserves and pickles of kelp.

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